

IDENTIFICATION: Price's Potato-bean (*Apios priceana*) is a climbing yellow-green vine growing from a stout, potato-like tuber. Vines may be up to 15 feet long with pale pink or greenish-yellow pea or bean type flowers that bloom from July - August. The fruit is a pod about 4 - 6 inches long. The plant grows in forest openings in mixed hardwood stands where ravine slopes grade into creek or stream bottoms. Plants often found with this plant include cane, chinquapin oak, basswood, and slippery elm.



FORESTRY CONSIDERATIONS: Since it grows in second growth timber, it appears to withstand some harvesting. Avoid site preparation using shears and rakes. Some herbicides may damage or kill it.

DISTRIBUTION BY COUNTY: This plant is known in Autauga, Madison and Marshall counties.

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